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# **The European Perspective**

**The path to Europe's proposed  
“Low Carbon Fuel Standard”**

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# Background

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- Alternative Fuels Communication - 2001
- Biofuel Directive - 2003
- Well-to-Wheel analysis - 2003/5
- EU Biofuel Strategy Communication - 2006
- Integrated Approach to CO<sub>2</sub> from cars - 2007
- EU commitments to reduce GHG emissions by at least 20% by 2020 - 2007



# The proposal

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- 31 January 2007
- Commission adopts proposal for legislation
- LCFS elements:
  - Introduce reporting obligation from 2009
  - Reduction obligation from 1/1/2011
  - 10% carbon intensity reduction by 2020



# Development

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- Proposal sets out a political objective but much practical detail to be elaborated
  - Reporting methodology to be developed
  - Appropriate level of detail
  - Land-use change
  - Who is obliged to report
  - Flexibility provisions
  - Relation to ETS and CDM



## Political process

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- Proposal is now being discussed by the EU Co-legislators (European Parliament and Council)
- MEP responsible Dorette Corbey
- Three meetings held with Member States
- Technical work underway to define methodology
- Collaboration with California



**Thank you for your attention**